

the need for such discovery could not, even with due diligence, have been ascertained within this period.

(d) Documents produced through discovery shall not be filed with the Commission unless so ordered by the Commission or its staff.

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§ 1.731 Confidentiality of information produced through discovery.

(a) Any materials generated or provided by a party in response to discovery may be designated as proprietary by that party if the party believes in good faith that the materials fall within an exemption to disclosure contained in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1)–(9). Any party asserting confidentiality for such materials shall so indicate by clearly marking each page, or portion thereof, for which a proprietary designation is claimed. If a proprietary designation is challenged, the party claiming confidentiality shall have the burden of demonstrating, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the material designated as proprietary falls under the standards for nondisclosure enunciated in the FOIA.

(b) Materials marked as proprietary may be disclosed solely to the following persons, only for use in prosecuting or defending a party to the complaint action, and only to the extent necessary to assist in the prosecution or defense of the case:

(1) Counsel of record representing the parties in the complaint action and any support personnel employed by such attorneys;

(2) Officers or employees of the opposing party who are named by the opposing party as being directly involved in the prosecution or defense of the case;

(3) Consultants or expert witnesses retained by the parties;

(4) The Commission and its staff; and

(5) Court reporters and stenographers in accordance with the terms and conditions of this section.

(c) These individuals shall not disclose information designated as proprietary to any person who is not authorized under this section to receive such information, and shall not use the in-

formation in any activity or function other than the prosecution or defense in the case before the Commission. Each individual who is provided access to the information shall sign a notarized statement affirmatively stating that the individual has personally reviewed the Commission's rules and understands the limitations they impose on the signing party.

(d) No copies of materials marked proprietary may be made except copies to be used by persons designated in paragraph (b) of this section. Each party shall maintain a log recording the number of copies made of all proprietary material and the persons to whom the copies have been provided.

(e) Upon termination of a formal complaint proceeding, including all appeals and petitions, all originals and reproductions of any proprietary materials, along with the log recording persons who received copies of such materials, shall be provided to the producing party. In addition, upon final termination of the complaint proceeding, any notes or other work product derived in whole or in part from the proprietary materials of an opposing or third party shall be destroyed.

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§ 1.732 Other required written submissions.

(a) The Commission may, in its discretion, require the parties to file briefs summarizing the facts and issues presented in the pleadings and other record evidence. These briefs shall contain the findings of fact and conclusions of law which that party is urging the Commission to adopt, with specific citation to the record, and supported by relevant authority and analysis. Absent an order by the Commission that briefs be filed, the parties may voluntarily submit briefs in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section.

(b) In cases when discovery is not conducted, briefs shall be filed concurrently by both complainant and defendant within 90 days from the date a complaint is served. Such briefs shall be no longer than 35 pages.

(c) In cases when discovery is conducted, briefs shall be filed concurrently by both complainant and defendant at such time designated by the staff, typically within 30 days after discovery is completed. Such briefs shall be no longer than 50 pages.

(d) Reply briefs may be submitted by either party within 20 days from the date initial briefs are due. Reply briefs shall be no longer than 20 pages in cases when discovery is not conducted, and 30 pages in cases when discovery is conducted.

(e) Briefs containing information which is claimed by an opposing or third party to be proprietary under § 1.731 shall be submitted to the Commission in confidence pursuant to the requirements of § 0.459 of this chapter and clearly marked "Not for Public Inspection." An edited version removing all proprietary data shall also be filed with the Commission for inclusion in the public file. Edited versions shall be filed within five days from the date the unedited brief is submitted, and served on opposing parties.

(f) Either on its own motion or upon proper motion by a party, the Commission may establish other deadlines or page limits for briefs.

(g) The Commission may require the parties to submit any additional information it deems appropriate for a full, fair, and expeditious resolution of the proceeding, including affidavits and exhibits.

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§ 1.733 Status conference.

(a) In any complaint proceeding, the Commission may in its discretion direct the attorneys and/or the parties to appear before it for a conference to consider:

(1) Simplification or narrowing of the issues;

(2) The necessity for or desirability of amendments to the pleadings, or of additional pleadings or evidentiary submissions;

(3) Obtaining admissions of fact or stipulations between the parties as to any or all of the matters in controversy;

(4) Settlement of the matters in controversy by agreement of the parties;

(5) The necessity and extent of discovery, including objections to interrogatories or requests for production of documents;

(6) The need and schedule for filing briefs, and the date for further conferences; and

(7) Such other matters that may aid in the disposition of the complaint.

(b) While a conference normally will be scheduled after the answer has been filed, any party may request that a conference be held at any time after the complaint has been filed.

(c) During a status conference, the Commission staff may issue oral rulings pertaining to a variety of interlocutory matters relevant to the conduct of a formal complaint proceeding including, *inter alia*, procedural matters, discovery, and the submission of briefs or other evidentiary materials. These rulings will be promptly memorialized in writing and served on the parties. When such rulings require a party to undertake affirmative action not subject to deadlines established by another provision of this subpart, such action will be required within 10 days from the date of the written memorialization unless the staff designates a later deadline.

(d) Conferences will be scheduled by the Commission at such time and place as it may designate, to be conducted in person or by telephone conference call.

(e) The failure of any attorney or party, following reasonable notice, to appear at a scheduled conference will be deemed a waiver and will not preclude the Commission from conferring with those parties or counsel present.

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§ 1.734 Specifications as to pleadings, briefs, and other documents; subscription.

(a) All papers filed in any formal complaint proceeding must be drawn in conformity with the requirements of §§ 1.49 and 1.50.

(b) All averments of claims or defenses in complaints and answers shall be made in numbered paragraphs. The contents of each paragraph shall be limited as far as practicable to a statement of a single set of circumstances. Each claim founded on a separate